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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS FACED BY GKR EMBASSY

1. THE GKR EMBASSY HERE HAS HAD A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF FRENCH RECOGNITION OF THE GRUNK, PROBLEMS WHICH WILL NO DOUBT SOON FACE GKR EMBASSIES ELSEWHERE. IN PARIS THE GKR LOST TWO BUILD-INGS, ONE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. GKR EMBASSIES USING RENTED PROPERTY WOULD OBVIOUSLY MAKE MINIMUM CONTRIBU-TION TO THE OTHER SIDE. GOF INFORMED GKR CHARGE OF RECOGNITION OF GRUNK ON A WEEKEND WHEN IT WAS MOST DIFFICULT TO TAKE SOME NECESSARY ACTIONS. GKR CHARGE WAS UNABLE UNTIL FOLLOWING MONDAY TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM EMBASSY'S ACCOUNT TO PAY OFFICIAL BILLS INCLUDING ARREARS IN SALARIES. FRENCH GOVERNMENT NOW CLAIMS THAT ACCOUNT WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO CHARGE AS OF THE SATURDAY NOTIFICATION AND IMPLIED THAT CHARGE MAY HIM-SELF BE LIABLE FOR RETURN OF OVER \$20,000. FRENCH GOVERNMENT CLAIMED AS PROPERTY OF THE NEW GRUNK EMBASSY NOT ONLY THE BUILDINGS BUT ALL THEIR CONTENTS. CHARGE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS IN REMOVING EVEN HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PARTICULARLY FURNITURE WHICH BE-CONFIDENTIAL

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LONGED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE. WHILE GKR DIPLOMATS NO

LONGER ENJOY USUAL IMMUNITIES, GOF SAID IT WOULD NOT WITHDRAW CURRENT DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD THEREFORE PERMIT DIPLOMATS SOME TIME TO DETERMINE WHAT THEIR NEXT MOVE WOULD BE. SOME COUNTRIES MAY BE LESS OBLIGING. GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES PUT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE GOF TO HAVE ALL GKR OFFICIAL PAPERS TURNED OVER TO THEM INTACT. GRUNK WAS INTERESTED PRESUMABLY IN THE BIOGRAPHIC FILES ON CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE. THE GOF RESISTED THIS PRESSURE AND AUTHORIZED THE GKR CHARGE TO BURN OR REMOVE EMBASSY FILES. OTHER COUNTRIES MAY GIVE IN TO GRUNK PRESSURE.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THE ABOVE EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS TO GKR DIPLOMATS IN OTHER CAPITALS WHO MAY SOON BE FACED WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

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